



FIRST LUTHERAN CHURCH

VANCOUVER, BC | EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH IN CANADA



SIXTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST
JULY 20, 2014

**WELCOME TO
FIRST LUTHERAN CHURCH
FOUNDED 1890**

First Lutheran is a community, a gathering of people of diverse ages, cultures and traditions.

Just as Jesus opened himself to all and, by implication, opened the reign of God to all, so we, the members of First Lutheran seek to do the same.

Therefore, all are welcome here regardless of their race, gender or sexual orientation; regardless of their social, economic, educational, linguistic or relationship status; regardless of their citizenship, religious or cultural background or makeup of their family; and regardless of their physical, mental, emotional or spiritual condition. There is a place for you in our community worship, service and life.

To our Visitors: Welcome! You are invited to sign our guest book in the Narthex (lobby) and join us for coffee and conversation downstairs after worship, where our friendly congregants will meet and greet you.

A special welcome to worshippers who are unable to be physically present and are joining us online for today's service.

First Lutheran is easily accessible via major city routes - 41st Avenue and Kingsway – and Bus #41 runs west from the Joyce Street Skytrain station. Ample parking is available in a lot just west of the church and on the church side of the two streets--Wales Street and 42nd Avenue. The wheelchair entrance is also the office entrance on 42nd Avenue.

For your convenience, there is an elevator in the southwest corner of the building, fully accessible washrooms on the main floor in the northwest corner and two washrooms down the stairs at the east end of the lower level. A childcare play area is on the lower level.

The present building, erected in 1957, is the third in our history. Founded by Scandinavian fishermen, *First Lutheran* is tied closely to the history of Vancouver. Our logo reflects our ethnic and Christian roots, our West Coast location as well as the varied races and cultures which enrich our life and ministry together.

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Those Serving the Servants Today

<i>Presider/Homilist</i>	Pr. Lori-Anne Boutin-Crawford
<i>Assisting Minister</i>	Russell Collins
<i>Lector</i>	June Schramm
<i>Ministry of Music</i>	
<i>Organ/Piano</i>	Christina Hutten
<i>Flutist</i>	Anne Johnson
<i>Trumpeter</i>	Karl Maier
<i>Gift Bearers</i>	Dennis Reid Doreen Reid
<i>Communion Servers</i>	June Schramm Julie Bauming Dennis Reid Doreen Reid
<i>Coffee Hour Hosts</i>	
<i>Altar Guild</i>	Ingrid Anderson Doreen Reid Dennis Reid
<i>Offering Counters</i>	Amy MacLeod Tony Wong

If you'd like to serve God and our community by assisting in our Sunday worship, please contact Iris Kong, our office administrator, at 604.435.6020. If you'd like to help with Coffee Hour, please call Karen Kerfoot at 604.324.7424 or Christine Neumann at 604.596.1778.

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A LITURGY OF WORD AND SACRAMENT

Worshippers may wish to light a votive candle in memory of a loved one or for meditation. This may be done at any time before or during the liturgy except during community prayers, readings or homily. Since the number of candles is limited and to avoid mishaps, parents and caregivers are asked to be attentive when allowing children to light one.

INTRODUCTION

It is an age-old question: why is there evil in the world? In the parable of the wheat and the weeds Jesus suggests that both grow together until the harvest. With Paul, we long for the day that all creation will be set free from bondage and suffering. Having both weeds and wheat within us, we humbly place our hope in the promises of God, and from the Lord's table we go forth to bear the fruit of justice and mercy.

PRELUDE

ANNOUNCEMENTS

GATHERING

GATHERING HYMN # 453 “Baptized and Set Free” vv. - 1& 2

THE LITURGY OF HOLY BAPTISM

PRESENTATION

The candidates for baptism, parents, sponsors, and those desiring to be new members gathers around the font. The presiding minister addresses the assembly

God, who is rich in mercy and love, gives us a new birth into a living hope
through the sacrament of baptism.

By water and the Word God delivers us from sin and death
and raises us to new life in Jesus Christ.

We are united with all the baptized in the one body of Christ,
anointed with the gift of the Holy Spirit,
and joined in God's mission for the life of the world.

The sponsors present the candidates

I/we present *Aria Brigitta Naomi and Euan Stewart* for holy baptism.

The minister addresses the parents

Called by the Holy Spirit, trusting in the grace and love of God,
do you desire to have your children baptized into Christ? **We do.**

As you bring your children to receive the gift of baptism,
and as you become new members today, you are invited:
to live among God's faithful people,
to receive the word of God and the holy supper,
to offer your hearts to God in prayer,
to nurture others in faith and prayer,
so that we may all learn to trust God,
to proclaim Christ through word and deed,
to live in the spirit of the gospel, of love, peace, and forgiveness,
to care for others and the world God made,
and to work for justice and peace.

Parents, do you promise to help your children grow in the Christian faith and life? **We do.**
Heidi, Sarah-Dawn and Ray, do you receive the invitation to grow in the Christian faith and life
here at First Lutheran? **We do**

The minister addresses the assembly

People of God, do you promise to support and nurture *Aria Brigitta Naomi, Euan Stewart,
Heidi, Sarah-Dawn and Ray* in the Christian faith, to pray for them as you are empowered
by God's Spirit, and to help them live in the covenant of baptism
and in communion with the church? **We do.**

PROFESSION OF FAITH

The minister addresses the gathered community

I ask you to profess your faith in Christ Jesus, reject sin, and confess the faith of the church.

Do you renounce evil and all the forces that defy God? **I renounce them.**
Do you renounce the powers of this world that rebel against God? **I renounce them.**
Do you renounce the ways of sin that draw you from God? **I renounce them.**

The minister addresses the assembly

Do you believe in God the Father?

I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.

Do you believe in Jesus Christ, the Son of God?

**I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord,
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried; he descended to the dead.
On the third day he rose again;
he ascended into heaven,
he is seated at the right hand of the Father,
and he will come to judge the living and the dead.**

Do you believe in God the Holy Spirit?

**I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy catholic church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting. Amen.**

Parents, do you promise to remain faithful to your children whatever the future may bring, to respect them wherever they may go, and to remember always that your children are born of God? **We do.**

THE GIVING OF THE NAME

By what names do you wish your children to be called now and in eternal life?

The Christian name of the candidates are spoken aloud

Aria Brigitta Naomi and Euan Stewart

May these names be written forever in the Book of Life, in the palm of God's hand.

THANKSGIVING AT THE FONT

Water is poured into the font during the words of the prayer over the water

The Lord be with you. **And also with you.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God. **It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

Blessed are you, holy God. You are the creator of the waters of the earth.
You are the fire of rebirth. You poured out your Spirit on your people Israel.
You breathe life into our dry bones. Your Son Jesus promised to send the Spirit to us
that the world may know your peace and truth.

Pour out your Holy Spirit, and breathe new life into us all.

By your Spirit proclaim us all as your children, through our Saviour Jesus Christ,
who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen.**

THE HOLY WASHING

The presider baptizes by pouring water over the candidates three times while saying

***Aria Brigitta Naomi and Euan Stewart, I baptize you in the name of the Father, and of the Son,
and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.***

The newly-baptized are welcomed by the gathered community. During this time, the assembly may be “aspurged” or sprinkled with water as a reminder of our baptism.

PRAYER FOR THE HOLY SPIRIT

Let us pray. We give you thanks, O God, that through water and the Holy Spirit you give your children new birth, cleanse them from sin, and raise them to eternal life.

Laying both hands on the head of the newly baptized, the minister prays

Sustain *Aria Brigitta Naomi and Euan Stewart* with the gift of your Holy Spirit:
the spirit of wisdom and understanding,
the spirit of counsel and might,
the spirit of knowledge and the fear of the Lord,
the spirit of joy in your presence, both now and forever. **Amen.**

CHRISMATION

Using oil prepared for this purpose, the presiding minister anoints the newly-baptized and marks the forehead with the sign of the cross.

Aria Brigitta Naomi and Euan Stewart, child of God, you have been sealed by the Holy Spirit and marked with the cross of Christ forever. **Amen.**

WELCOME

A lighted candle is given to the newly baptized and to the new members as a representative of the congregation says

Let your light so shine before others that they may see your good works and glorify your Father in heaven.

Following this expression of faith and life, all gathered at the front face the assembly while a representative of the congregation speaks

Let us welcome our newly baptized and our new members joining First Lutheran today.

**We welcome you into the body of Christ and into the mission we share:
join us in giving thanks and praise to God who has drawn us by the love of Christ Jesus.
and bearing God's creative and redeeming word to all the world.**

All face the presider for the following blessing.

Beloved ones, we entrust you all to the mercy and help of God.
May the Holy One watch over your lives; may we all walk by the light of faith;
and may we receive all the good things God has promised us. **Amen.**

The baptismal party and our new members return to their seats.

HYMN # 453 Baptized and Set Free v.v.-3&4

SALUTATION AND PRAYER OF THE DAY *(All rise)*

Let us pray. Trustworthy and loving God, you care for your children with steadfast love and faithful compassion. By your Spirit nurture us, that we may be rooted in the way of peace and love, through the grace of your Son, Jesus Christ, our Saviour and Lord. **Amen.**

WORD

FIRST READING: Isaiah 44:6–8

God claims the right to sole rule, because God announces things that actually do happen, while supposed divine opponents remain silent. God is Israel's redeemer, that is, the best brother or sister they ever had.

⁶Thus says the LORD, the King of Israel,
and his Redeemer, the LORD of hosts:
I am the first and I am the last;
besides me there is no god.
⁷Who is like me? Let them proclaim it,
let them declare and set it forth before me.
Who has announced from of old the things to come?
Let them tell us what is yet to be.
⁸Do not fear, or be afraid;
have I not told you from of old and declared it?
You are my witnesses!
Is there any god besides me?
There is no other rock; I know not one.

*The reading is concluded: Word of God, word of life. **Thanks be to God.***

SECOND READING: Romans 8:12–25

For Paul, true spirituality means that we experience the reality of the Spirit, which enables us to pray as God's children, keeps us in solidarity with creation, and gives us unseen hope that God will liberate us and creation from bondage to death and decay.

¹²So then, brothers and sisters, we are debtors, not to the flesh, to live according to the flesh —
¹³for if you live according to the flesh, you will die; but if by the Spirit you put to death the
deeds of the body, you will live. ¹⁴For all who are led by the Spirit of God are children of God.
¹⁵For you did not receive a spirit of slavery to fall back into fear, but you have received a spirit
of adoption. When we cry, "Abba! Father!" ¹⁶it is that very Spirit bearing witness with our
spirit that we are children of God, ¹⁷and if children, then heirs, heirs of God and joint heirs
with Christ — if, in fact, we suffer with him so that we may also be glorified with him.

¹⁸I consider that the sufferings of this present time are not worth comparing with the glory about to be revealed to us. ¹⁹For the creation waits with eager longing for the revealing of the children of God; ²⁰for the creation was subjected to futility, not of its own will but by the will of the one who subjected it, in hope ²¹that the creation itself will be set free from its bondage to decay and will obtain the freedom of the glory of the children of God. ²²We know that the whole creation has been groaning in labor pains until now; ²³and not only the creation, but we ourselves, who have the first fruits of the Spirit, groan inwardly while we wait for adoption, the redemption of our bodies. ²⁴For in hope we were saved. Now hope that is seen is not hope. For who hopes for what is seen? ²⁵But if we hope for what we do not see, we wait for it with patience.

*The reading is concluded: Holy Wisdom, holy Word. **Thanks be to God.***

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION (*sung twice before and after reading*) # 212 **“You Belong to Christ”**

GOSPEL: Matthew 13:24–30

Jesus tells a parable about the co-existence of good and evil in this world. God's judgment will remove all evildoers and causes of sin, but not until the end of human history.

*The gospel is announced. The holy gospel according to Matthew. **Glory to you, O Lord.***

²⁴He put before them another parable: "The kingdom of heaven may be compared to someone who sowed good seed in his field; ²⁵but while everybody was asleep, an enemy came and sowed weeds among the wheat, and then went away. ²⁶So when the plants came up and bore grain, then the weeds appeared as well. ²⁷And the slaves of the householder came and said to him, 'Master, did you not sow good seed in your field? Where, then, did these weeds come from?' ²⁸He answered, 'An enemy has done this.' The slaves said to him, 'Then do you want us to go and gather them?' ²⁹But he replied, 'No; for in gathering the weeds you would uproot the wheat along with them. ³⁰Let both of them grow together until the harvest; and at harvest time I will tell the reapers, Collect the weeds first and bind them in bundles to be burned, but gather the wheat into my barn.'"

*The gospel concludes: The gospel of the Lord. **Praise to you, O Christ.***

HOMILY *Silence for reflection follows*

HYMN OF THE DAY # 451 **“We Are Baptized in Christ Jesus”**

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

*Each portion of the prayers ends with these words: “God of life, **bathe us in your love.**”*

PEACE

The presiding minister and the assembly greet each other in the peace of the risen Christ

The peace of Christ be with you always. **And also with you.**

All may greet one another saying, "Peace be with you".

MEAL

OFFERTORY HYMN # 692 *"We Are an Offering"*

OFFERING/OFFERTORY

An offering is gathered for the mission of the church, including the care of those in need.

During this time, the table is set with the gifts of bread and wine which are brought forward.

After the offering is gathered and presented, the assembly stands

OFFERING PRAYER

Let us pray. **God of mercy and grace, the eyes of all wait upon you, and you open your hand in blessing. Fill us with good things at your table, that we may come to the help of all in need, through Jesus Christ, our redeemer and Lord. Amen.**

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

THANKSGIVING AT THE TABLE *(Prayer over the gifts)*

LORD'S PRAYER

Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name

your kingdom come, your will be done on earth as in heaven.

Give us today our daily bread.

Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us.

Save us from the time of trial and deliver us from evil.

For the kingdom, the power and the glory are yours,

now and forever. Amen.

FRACTION *(as the bread is broken)*

The holy gifts of God for you, the holy people of God. **Thanks be to God.**

It is Christ who invites all to come to his table where he gives his body and blood, along with the gifts of forgiveness, life and salvation under the forms of bread and wine. All are welcome to the table of grace! Bread or a gluten free option are available. All are invited to drink from the first (common) cup or if desired, to have an individual glass filled from the second (pouring) cup. Please note that full communion is received when only one of the elements is consumed.

HYMNS DURING THE MEAL *# 465 “As the Grains of Wheat”*
 # 694 “Sing to the Lord of Harvest”
 # 469 “By Your Hand You Feed Your People”

After all have received and the table is cleared, the assembly stands

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Let us pray. **We thank you, Lord of heaven and earth, that you have fed us in a way our hearts can understand, with the saving body and blood of Jesus Christ. Enliven us by your presence in this meal, that we may be your presence in the world, through Jesus Christ, our Saviour and Lord. Amen.**

SENDING

BLESSING

May God the sower make you good and fertile soil. May Christ the seed bloom and grow in your words and actions. May the fruitful Spirit bring forth a bountiful yield in your lives. God the Creator, + Redeemer, and Sustainer bless you now and forever. **Amen.**

SENDING HYMN *# 543 “Go, My Children, with My Blessing”*

DISMISSAL

Go in peace. Share the good news. **Thanks be to God.**

POSTLUDE

FLC Psalm Study 2013-2014: Throughout this past year, Pr. Lori-Anne led a year-long study on the psalter. At the final study, Pr. Lori-Anne asked the students to write their own psalm. Heather Robbie is sharing her psalm with the congregation.

PSALM

Heather Robbie

God of all Creation and the Author of my Faith,
Teach me how to turn all of my worries over to you.
Show me how to be as loving and patient with others as you are with me.
Extricate me from those detrimental thoughts that poison my well being.
Keep my eyes on You!
Be my Shepherd when I stray from your loving arms.
Guide me through the brambles, swamps and tornadoes of life.
Remind me daily that you have not forsaken me.

This Week

Wednesday

Communion Service at St. Thomas, 10 am

Saturday

First Connect Group BBQ

Next Sunday

Pentecost 7, 10:30 am

First Connect Group BBQ
(formerly named Young Adult)

Where: Josh & Holly's
(4097 Welwyn St., Vancouver)

When: Sat. July 26, 5:00pm on,
Show up when you can!

BBQ will be a bit later.

What to bring: Salad, beverage of choice,
lawn chair. Holly has offered
to provide the steak!

RSVP: Please RSVP to Jennifer Penner
via email jenpenner55@gmail.com)
so she can give Holly a number
for food.

Please feel free to invite those who you feel
would benefit from and enjoy our group.
So mark your calendars for July 26th
and we will be in touch with more info soon!

Our Thank-You to Christina Hutten for
accompanying the service this morning while
Jeanette Price is on holidays.

This morning we welcome *Euan Stewart Norris and Aria Brigitta Naomi Ackerman* into the Body of Christ through the Sacrament of Holy Baptism. Euan is the son of Sarah-Dawn Schenk and Steve Norris. Her sponsors are Alissa Sauerbei and Tonja Hansen. Aria is the daughter of Heidi Ackermann. Her sponsors are Intan Purnomo and Dorothy Chu. We also welcome *Sarah-Dawn Schenk, Heidi Ackermann and Ray Hartley* into membership today and encourage them to continue sharing in our worship, life and service.

Pr. Lori-Anne will be on a four-week holiday starting on Wednesday, July 23. She will be out of the province and won't be able to respond to any communication via email or cell phone until she returns to the office on August 20. The Rev. Michael Batten will fill in for any urgent need of pastoral care. He can be reached at 604-434-6111 or via email at priestst@telus.net.

Fellowship Hosts Urgently Required!

Volunteers to help serve tea and coffee during fellowship on Sundays are urgently needed for the months of May and June. It doesn't matter if you haven't done this before – we can pair you up with someone with previous experience. This is a great way to meet members and make new friends. If you would like to help, please call **Karen Kerfoot at 604.324.7424** or **Christine Neumann at 604-596-1778** (evenings).

From Confirmation Campers 2014

Hi First Lutheran, it's been a thrill as going into my third year into confirmation class. As a level 4, I've learned many things such as learning to communicate with others and learning to send messages in various different ways. It wouldn't have been possible for me to meet old friends, eat delicious food and have a tremendous amount of laughter without your support. So again, thanks for helping us send the kids (and me) to confirmation camp and remember this event in our memory.

Yours truly,

Emmanuel Manu

Hello, confirmation camp was very entertaining, especially the class with Pastor Cliff. Campfire was also great fun, unlike some other camps I've been to. Thank you for sending me and that other child in my house to confirmation camp.

Alin Kucheran

Hey congregation, thank you for giving me this opportunity for a new experience. This was my first time at the camp. I learned new things and been to many fieldtrips. My favorite activity was when we played soccer. It was fun to meet new people that I hope I meet next year. I liked how we were able to go campfiring. I enjoyed singing songs and hearing stories from Pastor Terry. Thanks for this experience.

Yours truly,

Jordan Manu

Hello, thank you for sending my brother and me to Confirmation Camp. Camp was enjoyable and, I think, worth going to. I would certainly be delighted to go again. The classes were fairly fun, especially the ones leading up to and including the simulated wedding on Friday. Campfires were great. I also enjoyed the extent to which we sang (before many meals, sometimes after, during worship and during campfire). Again, thank you for sending me.

Laef Kucheran

Dear congregation, thanks for sending me to camp. I really enjoyed everything at camp. The thing I really liked is that I made new friends. Also I learned lots of things during the amazing sermons. One of the main things I learned there is not to waste freedom and to use our freedom wisely, like to live it for Christ. I really enjoyed the games and jokes at the camp. But overall this one week journey would not have happened if it was not for the congregation. Thank you.

Your friend,

Omari Hakamineza

Thank you for sending me to camp again. If I hadn't gone my summer would be boring. At camp I made a lot of new friends and I saw a couple of friends from last year. This trip was important to me because I learned a lot of new things. Camp was such an amazing experience for me this year. Thank you again.

Vedaste Niyonsaba

FEEDBACK FOR FLC “RIVER OF LIFE” RETREAT AT BOWEN ISLAND, 2014

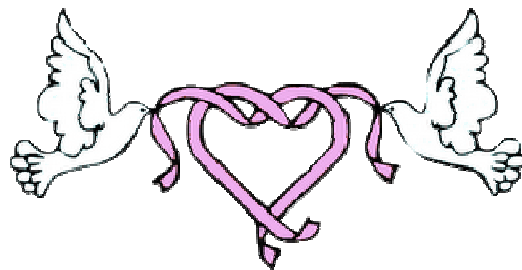
“This retreat was such a wonderful opportunity to connect with my spiritual community more and to have time and quiet space to contemplate my journey with God and my life.”

"The comfort of the accommodations and setting at the Rivendell retreat centre on Bowen Island was wonderful and extravagant for what I thought it would be for such a possible cost – yay! The food was great – it was nice to always have something available and variety of stuff. The quiet space and beautiful surroundings- the open spiritual philosophy of the retreat center, but with a clear Christian focus. I would MOST DEFINITELY go again!"

“I’m so glad that I took the time to attend the June retreat at Rivendell on Bowen Island! It was a beautiful, peaceful location and a treat to get to know others from the congregation more closely. Pr Lori-Anne took her usual supportive, flexible, engaged, and compassionate role. There were lots of options for activities and no demands. I’d definitely go again. Thanks!”

Mark your calendar September 21!

Congratulations to Jennifer Penner and Brad Langerud who are getting married on Sunday, September 21 at First Lutheran Church! The couple has decided to share this memorable and exciting moment with the congregation at FLC. The ceremony will take place during our morning service. So mark your calendar and come celebrate the wonderful occasion!



DIRECTORY

First Lutheran Church is a member of the *British Columbia Synod* (one of five regions) which make up the *Evangelical Lutheran Church in Canada (ELCIC)* which in turn belongs to the *Lutheran World Federation* which represents the 80 million Lutherans around the world. For more information on the ministries of the ELCIC (office in Winnipeg, Manitoba), visit its website at www.elcic.ca. For similar information on the BC synod, visit its office in New Westminster or its website at www.bcsynod.org.

Financial support of our congregation's life and mission is provided by the donations of our members given in thankful response to the generosity shown by God in the gifts given to us. Offerings of any amount are gratefully accepted and joyfully spent in our service to Christ and to others.

Have you remembered First Lutheran in your will? Consider how a bequest or gift might continue supporting our mission and ministry.

Our service is web cast live every Sunday starting at 10:20 am through www.firstlutheranvancouver.com/webcast.htm

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Welcome to join us online if you are unavailable to worship at church. The recording of the service is available for the whole week.

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